

HAGGAI

Written around 520 BC

- this story goes hand in hand with the book of Ezra
- Haggai and Zechariah were responsible for overseeing the rebuilding of the temple in Ezra

If you think the bible is in Chronological order when you read, you will be very confused.

Haggai is also not your typical prophetic book

- this short 2-chapter book is about God calling the people to finish the rebuilding of the temple

Hag 1:4 "Is it time for you yourselves to dwell in your paneled houses while this house *lies* desolate?"

Hag 1:7 Thus says the LORD of hosts, "Consider your ways!

Hag 1:8 "Go up to the mountains, bring wood and rebuild the temple, that I may be pleased with it and be glorified," says the LORD.

So the temple is rebuilt and the people are encouraged

The book closes with this verse:

Hag 2:23 'On that day,' declares the LORD of hosts, 'I will take you, Zerubbabel, son of Shealtiel, My servant,' declares the LORD, 'and I will make you like a signet *ring*, for I have chosen you,' declares the LORD of hosts.

- how special Zerubbabel must have been for God to say "I have chose you"
- Jesus felt the same way about us

Joh 15:15 "No longer do I call you slaves, for the slave does not know what his master is doing; but I have called you friends, for all things that I have heard from My Father I have made known to you.

Joh 15:16 "You did not choose Me but I chose you, and appointed you that you would go and bear fruit, and *that* your fruit would remain, so that whatever you ask of the Father in My name He may give to you.

Jesus Type:

This is where those "boring" genealogies come into play

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A signet ring was to seal a document and show authenticity

-This is God's way of guaranteeing that the Messiah would come from the line of David

1st chapter of Matthew is Joseph's lineage leading to Jesus

Mat 1:12 After the deportation to Babylon: Jeconiah became the father of Shealtiel, and Shealtiel the father of Zerubbabel.

3rd chapter of Luke is Mary's lineage leading to Jesus

Luk 3:27 the son of Joanan, the son of Rhesa, the son of Zerubbabel, the son of Shealtiel, the son of Neri,

As the two genealogies climb, they meet at Zerubbabel

-sealing and authenticating the promise of the Messiah to come